

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/796,358	CONOVER, MATTHEW	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Marwan Ayash	2185	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Marwan Ayash. (3) _____.

(2) Serge J Hodgson. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 9/12-13/2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: independent claims 1, 11, 25 and dependent claims 9, 10 & 16.

Identification of prior art discussed: Fetzer et al US Patent # 6,832,302; Abrashkevich US Patent # 2004/0221120.

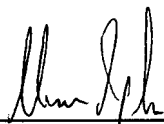
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's representative discussed the invention embodied by the amended claims, referencing Fig. 5 of the instant specification for support.

Applicant's representative discussed why he thought Fetzer's invention differed from the invention in the instant application, and briefly noted that in the Abrashkevich reference, the preferred embodiment for implementing Abrashkevich's invention utilizes a linked list containing control information which is separate from a linked list containing the data blocks. In other words the data is separated from the metadata in Abrashkevich's preferred embodiment whereas the instant invention claims having the control information (b-link and f-link) as part of the data blocks such that the data and the metadata are not separate.

The examiner agreed with applicant's representative that Abrashkevich's preferred embodiment did not explicitly teach the amended claim limitations, however, the examiner noted that the background section of Abrashkevich included a discussion of data blocks including respective control information - just as claimed in the instant application. Abrashkevich also provided a detailed discussion as to why it would not be advantageous to implement data blocks which are not separated from their control information, thereby teaching away from implementing data blocks which include control information therein.

An agreement was reached concerning an examiner's amendment to the independent claims.